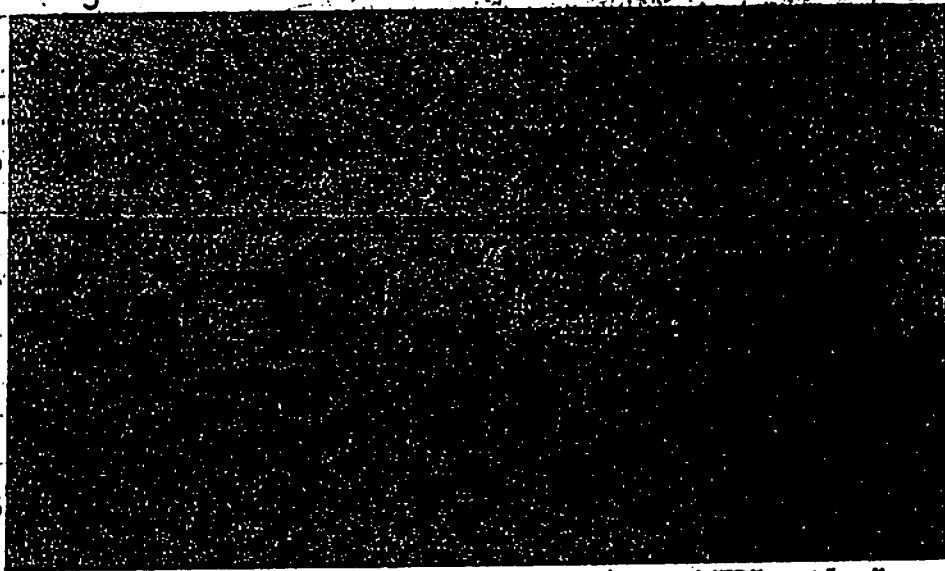


## Ye Olde Hillcrest Inn



l. to r.: shellfish building, water plant, cottage, barn and "Hillcrest Inn."

## Outings and Conventions Held At Hillcrest Inn A Generation Ago

Hill Crest Inn, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Crescent St., was a busy place, from 1915 to 1930 when it was owned and operated by Walter Smith. Hill Crest Inn was famous for chicken and lobster, the latter being taken directly from the pots in the channel when guests arrived unexpectedly.

A typical menu would include clam chowder, steamed Duxbury clams, fresh boiled lobster, tomatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, fresh roast chicken, cranberry sauce, green corn, potato chips, ice cream, coffee "and all the fixings." On Aug. 1, 1926, 40 members of Mount Tabor Lodge paid \$3.25 for this dinner, the price of which included a bus round-trip from Park Square, Boston.

On May 11, 1920, the Fusilier Veterans Association celebrated its 133rd anniversary with exercises at the Myles Standish Monument and a dinner at the Hill Crest Inn. Among the guests were Lt. Gov. Channing Cox, the Rev. Dr. E. A. Horton, president of the Myles Standish Monument Association; Dr. Myles Standish; Charles Burrage, governor of the Massachusetts Society of the Founders and Patriots of America and the three Selectmen of Duxbury—Sidney Soule, Wendell Phillips and Alfred Green.

The association left Copley Square and, headed by the late Major J. W. H. Myrick, proceeded to Duxbury where the adjutant

placed a wreath on the grave of Myles Standish. In his eulogy to Myles Standish the chaplain praised the achievement of the Rev. E. J. V. Huninguinn, who in 1891 definitely established the identity of the grave and demonstrated the truth of his conclusions by opening the ground and finding remains that exactly corresponded to those of the great soldier, his daughter, daughter-in-law and his two sons.

After the ceremony at the grave the association visited the home of Major Myrick at Hall's Corner before going to Standish

Monument where Dr. Horton paid tribute to Capt. Standish.

The day's ceremonies ended with the annual dinner at which Lt. Gov. Cox discussed "Americanism." On the menu, of course, were Duxbury clam chowder and steamed Duxbury clams.

Walter Smith used to say in his newspaper advertising that this business of Diogenes looking for an honest man with his lantern was nonsense. "What Diogenes was looking for, really, was chicken and waffles. Chicken, tender as a maiden's heart and cooked to a delicate golden-brown in heavenly, homemade butter. Waffles, light as a fairy's dance—melting as a lover's glance—nestling in ambrosian syrup."

Hill Crest Inn is just a pleasant memory today, like that of the old porgy factory that once stood on the site of the shellfish building on Walter Smith's land.

Hill Crest Inn was a popular spot in the old days.

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